TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THIRD COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION OF 1105.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

Friday the 24th January, 1930/11th Makaram, 1105.

The Council reassembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall, at Eleven-thirty of the Clock, on Friday, the 24th January, 1930/11th Makaram, 1105, with the President in the Chair.

The following members were absent :—

1. Mr. K. C. Karunakaran, 2. Rao Bahadur K. A. Krishna Aiyangar, 3. Mr. K. G. Parameswaran Pillai, and 4. Mrs. Elizabeth Kuruvila.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Complaints against the Tahsildar, Peermade.

83. **MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE** (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Devicolam Commissioner has not received many petitions stating that the local cultivators residing in Survey No. 275 of the Peermade pakuti are suffering from various hardships at the hands of the local Tahsildar;

(*b*) whether he has in any way redressed their grievances; and

(*c*) if not, whether it was under the orders of the Government ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Some petitions protesting against the action taken by the Tahsildar under the Land Conservancy Regulation and praying for the registry of the areas encroached upon by them were received by the Commissioner, Devicolam.

(*b*) The petitioners were told that lands would be set apart for them from the block ear-marked for registry on completion of the sub-division survey and that unauthorised and wanton encrochments on big blocks of Government lands indiscriminately are prejudicial to the interests of Government.

(*c*) In view of the answer to part (b), this question does not arise.

Promotions in the Education Department.

84. **MR. D. FRANCIS** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that the Education Department was following a policy whereby services in the English and Vernacular Sections are treated as independent and the service in one is not considered as qualifying for promotion in the other ; and

(*b*) whether that policy is still continued?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The Government are not aware of such a policy of the Department as is mentioned by the member. It is reported by the Director of Public Instruction that there have been instances in the past of men having been recruited directly to the English Branch of the Department, when there were duly qualified men in the Vernacular Branch. In recent years, however, there have been few recruits to the English Branch, especially to the Undergraduate Section of it owing to the fall in strength in English Schools and several teachers holding substantive appointments have had to be treated as supernumerary or vacancy reserve teachers. Whenever, however, a vacancy did arise in the English Branch, the Director of Public Instruction has invariably considered the claims of duly qualified persons in the Vernacular Branch.

Registry of lands to depressed classes in 1103 and 1104.

85. MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total area of land available for registry to depressed classes in the years 1103 and 1104; and

(*b*) the total area registered in the years 1103 and 1104 in the names of members of depressed classes?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The total area of lands ear-marked for assignment to members of the depressed classes was 16,015·95 acres in 1103 and 15,291·25 acres in 1104. Some of the lands found unfit for assignment to members of the depressed classes were excluded from the ear-marked area in 1104. This is the reason for the decrease in the ear-marked area in the latter year. Though lands are ear-marked, assignment of land to the depressed classes is not confined to the ear-marked area alone but other lands are also registered to them as applications come in if there be no objection to the assignment.

(*b*) In 1103, 548·17 acres (363·73 acres from the ear-marked lands and 184·44 acres from other lands) were assigned to them. In 1104, 915·12 acres (545·99 acres from the ear-marked lands and 369·13 acres from other lands) were assigned.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know from the member what was the cause of the delay in assigning the whole number of acres earmarked for registry to depressed classes?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There was no delay.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): In the answer to part (a) I find the total area of lands earmarked for assignment to members of the depressed classes was 16,015·95 acres in 1103. May I know from the member why this area was not registered?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That depends upon the number of applications received.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know from the member how many applications were received in the Revenue Department?

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